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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 7, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks with regard to the above-captioned application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 14, 21, and 25 as shown below.

Please cancel Claim 26.

1. (Amended) A reel housing configured to enclose a rotatable reel drum, said housing having an access panel having an exterior surface, said access panel having a closed position in which said access panel does not permit a human hand to access an interior of said housing, and an open position in which said access panel permits a human hand to access said interior of said housing, said exterior surface of said access panel having facial indicia to resemble one of an animal, a human, a human-like character, and an alien creature, said housing having an aperture sized to closely surround spoolable linear material extending through said aperture, so that the linear material can be spooled onto and unspooled from the reel drum while said housing encloses the reel drum, wherein said aperture is located within said facial indicia.